

## Contributed

### I'M GOING HOME TOMORROW.

Mrs. Will E. Wallis.

I can bear the noise of battle for a day;  
I'm going home tomorrow!  
I can share another's burden on the way;  
I'm going home tomorrow!

I am dreaming, ever dreaming,  
Of that home of light and song;  
But I sojourn for a little  
In a land where pain is strong.

In my Father's house are welcome  
All who will in him abide.  
See, the Elder Brother waiteth;  
Let us win men to his side.

Oh, when love is pained and wearied!  
Oh, when hope is lost and lorn!  
Let us tell men of the glory  
Which is coming with the morn!

### THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Rev. Henry H. Sweets, Secretary.

If it were proper for us to give the names of the aged and enfeebled ministers on the Rolls of Ministerial Relief; to tell of the heroic service rendered to Christ and our Church by them, and by the faithful ministers who "have finished their course" and have left widows and little orphans who are dependent for a time; and then to tear away the veil that hides their loneliness and want; our Church would give more than enough to secure their comfort and drive away their cares.

But we do not appeal to the charity of God's people. Our plea is a call to duty—the fulfilling of a most sacred obligation. Dr. Arthur T. Pierson says: "If the aged servants of God, those prematurely disabled, or the families of those who have died in the work are left to want and destitution, our whole system is wretchedly and inexcusably defective."

We do not intend to neglect them. There is a great big heart in the splendid Presbyterian body; but other appeals come so often and so vividly we sometimes overlook their rightful claim. These "saints who are in need", are, for the most part, shut up in their rooms—hidden from our view. God knew that some of those most interested in the work might forget the sick and tired workers, and so He said to Israel of old, "Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth."

The General Assembly has decided to erect an Endowment Fund in order that these may be cared for in a manner and with a certainty that has never been possible in the past. If there is any cause in the whole church that should be endowed and put beyond the mere chance of a faithful presentation and of good Sabbath attendance at the time of the July offering, it is this. The interest from this invested fund, together with a liberal annual offering in July from the churches, will enable us to care more adequately for these needy ones.

The endowment is now \$284,000. We greatly need

\$500,000, and the General Assembly calls upon our people to contribute to this fund on the third Sabbath in November, or the day nearest thereto most convenient, and specially commends it to our people of means for their gifts and legacies.

Only the interest from the endowment is used. Long after we have left the scenes of this life it will doubtless be ministering comfort and blessing to our unfortunate Presbyterian ministers' homes.

Gifts both small and large are earnestly solicited. If the collection is not taken in your church remit directly to the treasurer, Mr. John Stites, 110 Fifth street, Louisville, Ky.

Paul said to the Ephesian elders at Miletus: "I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20: 35.

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### UP-TO-DATE, THE WATCHWORD.

By Rev. G. A. Gough.

The progressive age in which we are now living demands all things to be up to date. This idea seems to run through every department of life. Every style of cloth and cut must be advertised as up to date. The Paris styles of our women's headgear no matter how ridiculous or unbecoming it may be, must be—and willingly, no doubt—accepted by our good people on the ground that it is up-to-date. But who knows that such fashions are not the reproduction of ancient heathen customs, possibly in the Antidiluvian world.

Style and these up-to-date measures are today, without the shadow of a doubt, sapping the spiritual life out of our churches. Old men, too, with their years of accumulated experience, are looked upon today as relics of the past, and are laid aside from all the businesses of life to make room for the up-to-date young men of this generation. Should there be any wonder that so much crookedness is on the deck? Experience, coupled with conscience, is a valuable aid to a correct and faithful life. Even in the Church of Jesus Christ, many now, of the up-to-date advocates, are making desperate efforts to bring about an up-to-date religion upon which to feast the minds and hearts of people and draw them away from the pure religion of their fathers. We hear them say, Conditions have changed, the minds of men have become broader, and they see things in a different light, and the old doctrines of the Bible must be brought up-to-date. Yes, verily, conditions have changed; even the pulpit has become commercialized. New doctrines are being thundered forth to draw and please the multitudes, and to rub the itching ears of men and women. But has the Gospel changed? Is it really the same Gospel that came from the Saviour's lips nineteen hundred years ago? Has the mind of Jesus broadened? Are his demands changed? Has he ceased to be the "same yesterday, today and forever"? Was he simply jesting with Nicodemus when he said to him "ye must be born again"? Ye must be regenerated by the Spirit from above, or ye can not enter into the Kingdom of God. Such questions and answers as these were the